

North Dakota Parks & Recreation Department

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NDPRD seeking RTP Grants applications for FY14 and FY15

The North Dakota Parks and Recreation Department (NDPRD) is seeking Recreational Trails Program (RTP) applications for both FY2014 and FY2015. NDPRD will have approximately \$2.2 million of federal grant monies available for motorized and non-motorized recreational trail projects through the Recreational Trails Program.

The Recreational Trails Program is an 80/20 matching grant program that provides funding for both motorized and non-motorized recreational trail projects. The RTP is administered at the state level through the North Dakota Parks and Recreation Department with guidance from the Recreational Trails Program Advisory Council, and federally through the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA).

Applicants may request grant amounts ranging from a new minimum of \$10,000 up to a new maximum of \$200,000 and project sponsors must have at least 20% match available at the time of the application. Eligible projects consist of construction of new recreation trails; restoration of existing trails; development and rehabilitation of trailside and trailhead facilities and trail linkages; purchase and lease of recreational trail construction and maintenance equipment; land acquisition and easements. Priority will be given to construction of new trails.

Applications will be online at www.parkrec.nd.gov, click on the grants tab. The application cycle will open December 2, 2013 with a deadline of January 31, 2014 at 1:00pm CST.